
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 7, 1853.

Ordered to be printed.

**ADDITIONAL
AMENDMENTS**

Reported by the Committee on Finance to the act (H. R. 335)
“ to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of
the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight
hundred and fifty-three.”

After line 82, section one, add the following:

- 1 For contingent expenses of the Senate, viz :
- 2 For binding, twenty thousand dollars ;
- 3 For lithographing and engraving, twenty-thousand dol-
- 4 lars ;
- 5 For books, two thousand three hundred dollars ;
- 6 For Congressional Globe, and binding the same, one thou-
- 7 sand eight hundred and forty-three dollars ;
- 8 For messengers, pages, laborers, police, horses and car-
- 9 ryalls, ten thousand dollars ;
- 10 For clerks of President of the Senate and committees,
- 11 draughtsman, fireman in crypt, and other miscellaneous items,
- 12 twenty thousand dollars.

13 Add at the end of section first, after line 294—

14 For arrears of compensation due A. J. Downing for ser-
15 vices as rural architect at the time of his death, six hundred
16 and twenty-five dollars ;

17 For laying out and gravelling the roads and walks, pur-
18 chasing manure and trees, and seeding down in grass the square
19 south of the President's House, twelve thousand dollars ;

20 For providing proper foundations for the custom-house at
21 San Francisco, authorized by the sixth section of the act enti-
22 tled " An act to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for
23 the service of the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, one
24 thousand eight hundred and fifty-two," and in addition to the
25 sum of forty thousand dollars heretofore appropriated, twenty-
26 five thousand dollars.

1 SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in the
2 provisions of the act entitled " An act to establish a branch of
3 the mint of the United States in California," shall be construed
4 so as to prohibit the appointment of the assayer therein author-
5 ized before the execution of the contract for, and the comple-
6 tion of, the branch mint buildings therein authorized ; but that
7 the President is hereby empowered to appoint, in the manner
8 prescribed by that act, an assayer for said branch mint in an-
9 ticipation of the completion and establishment thereof.

1 SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of
2 the Treasury is hereby authorized to procure, by rent or lease,

3 a building or apartments in the city of San Francisco, suitable
4 for the receipt, melting, and assay of deposits of gold, in dust
5 or otherwise, and for the custody of gold coin; and that there-
6 upon the office of the treasurer of the branch mint aforesaid,
7 ex officio assistant treasurer of the United States, as well as the
8 office of the assayer thereof, shall be established in such build-
9 ing or apartments until such time as the said branch mint shall
10 be completed.

1 SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the owners of
2 gold bullion, in dust or otherwise, shall be entitled to deposite
3 the same with the treasurer aforesaid, who shall give a receipt,
4 stating the weight and description thereof; and the said treas-
5 urer shall, from time to time, deliver such bullion to the
6 assayer herein authorized, whose duty it shall be to melt the
7 same, cast it into a bar or bars, or disks, of suitable and con-
8 venient size and form, to assay the same, and to stamp thereon
9 the proportions, in thousandths, of the precious metal con-
10 tained. And, thereupon, the said assayer shall return to the
11 said treasurer the bars or disks so melted and assayed, who
12 shall deliver the same to the depositor thereof, or his order.

1 SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the said treas-
2 urer is hereby empowered to appoint, with the approval of the
3 Secretary of the Treasury, one clerk to aid him in the receipt
4 and delivery of bullion, the preparation of accounts, and in
5 such other duties as he may designate; also one weigher to

6 weigh such bullion, and such watchmen and servants as may be
7 necessary in carrying on the business devolved upon him.
8 And the said assayer shall have authority, with the approval of
9 the Secretary of the Treasury, to appoint an assistant, and
10 also such subordinate workmen as may be necessary for melt-
11 ing and assaying such bullion: *Provided*, That the annual
12 salary of said assayer shall be four thousand five hundred dol-
13 lars, and that to the said clerk and assistant there shall be
14 allowed such annual salary, not to exceed three thousand dol-
15 lars, as the Secretary of the Treasury may approve; to the
16 weigher there shall be allowed, on like approval, a salary not
17 to exceed two thousand dollars, and to the subordinate work-
18 men and servants such wages as are customary and reasonable
19 in their respective stations and occupations: *And provided*,
20 *further*, That the said treasurer and assayer, as well as the as-
21 sistant assayer, clerk, and weigher herein authorized, shall, be-
22 fore entering on their respective duties, take oath before some
23 judge of the United States or of the State of California for the
24 faithful performance of their respective duties, and shall also
25 give bond, with one or more sureties, to the satisfaction of the
26 Secretary of the Treasury, and in such sums as he shall pre-
27 scribe, conditioned for the faithful performance thereof.

1 SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That the general
2 direction of the operations herein authorized shall be devolved
3 upon the director of the mint in subordination to the Secre-

4 tary of the Treasury ; and it shall be the duty of the said
5 director to prescribe such regulations and order such tests as
6 shall be requisite to insure the faithfulness and accuracy of the
7 aforesaid officers in the performance of their respective duties :

8 *Provided*, That no bar, ingot, or disk cast in the said assay
9 establishment, shall be less in weight than three ounces.

10 SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That there is hereby
11 appropriated out of the money heretofore appropriated for the
12 establishment of a mint in California, so much as may be ne-
13 cessary for the purposes of this act : *Provided*, That no con-
14 tract be made for the erection and establishment of the said
15 mint until the further order of Congress : *And provided*
16 *further*, That the lease of buildings herein authorized shall not
17 be for a period of more than three years.